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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 163  
By Phillips

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Coach Rick Insell and the 2000-2001 Shelbyville Central High School girls' basketball team on winning their tenth Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Tournament championship.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly and the citizens of Shelbyville are very proud of the unparalleled record of success compiled by the Shelbyville Central High School girls' basketball team, both on the court and in the classroom. The members of the team serve as superb role models of the true student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, Under the expert guidance of legendary Head Coach Rick Insell, the excellent 2000-2001 Lady Eaglettes won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament championship, their tenth state title and their eighth under Coach Insell; and

WHEREAS, Shelbyville also won the state championship in 1964, 1974, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995 and 2000; and

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WHEREAS, The Shelbyville girls have consistently ranked among the elite teams nationally, winning two National Championships in 1989 and 1991, and having twice been selected the second best team in the nation in 1986 and 1990; and

WHEREAS, The 2000-2001 edition of this fabled team won the District 8 AAA Tournament, by defeating Coffee County 70-37 and Lawrence County 63-52; and

WHEREAS, They next journeyed to Middle Tennessee State University and won the coveted Region 4 AAA Tournament handily by beating Lebanon 44-21, district rival Coffee County 61-35 and Oakland 46-28; and

WHEREAS, The powerful Eaglettes then returned home and easily won their Sectional game, besting Cumberland County by 26 points, 66-40; and

WHEREAS, Before a cheering multitude of hometown fans, the Blue and Gold returned to Murfreesboro and, despite strong competition, they impressively captured the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament championship, emerging victorious against Jacksonville Northside 46-32, Mt. Juliet 57-44 and revenge-minded Oakland 57-50; and

WHEREAS, Shelbyville finished this memorable season with an enviable 34-2 record, a winning percentage of .940; and

WHEREAS, The Eaglettes have a long and admirable record of excelling off the court as well as on. From 1989-2001 every Central High team has won the TSSAA Distinguished Award for Academic Excellence. Their overall Grade Point Average has never dropped below 3.4 and at one point was an astonishing 3.98; and

WHEREAS, One of the greatest coaches in Tennessee high school athletic history, Rick Insell just completed his 24<sup>th</sup> season as Head Coach at Shelbyville Central; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious career, Coach Insell has won two *USA Today* National Championships, two *USA Today* National Runner-ups, eight Tennessee Secondary School

Athletic Association Class AAA state titles, has finished Class AAA Runner-up five times, has won fourteen Regional Tournaments, and has captured twenty District Championships; and

WHEREAS, His overall record during this period is 661 victories against only 124 losses, a marvelous winning percentage of .842; and

WHEREAS, This rare coaching genius has superbly coached thirteen High School All-Americans, five TSSAA Class AAA "Miss Basketball" Award winners and 50 college basketball scholarship recipients; and

WHEREAS, His 1990 team was named the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame "Team of the Year," the first time a high school team had been so recognized; and

WHEREAS, Coach Insell has been honored many times by his peers, twice being named the *USA Today* National High School Coach of the Year (1989 and 1991) and twice being selected WBCA/Converse National High School Coach of the Year (1990 and 1992); he is a six-time honoree as State Coach of the Year (all classifications), seven-time Coach of the Year, as selected by The Tennessean and nine-time the District 8 AAA Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, He was invited by President George Bush to visit the White House in 1989 and has also received special invitations to visit the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, the Tennessee State Senate and the Tennessee House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Coach Insell has been featured on sports network giant ESPN and in numerous national publications including *High School Sports*, *Sports Illustrated* and *Disney Kids*; and

WHEREAS, *Coaching Women's Basketball*, one of the leading publications in the coaching profession, has done a feature story with a cover photograph of Coach Insell; and

WHEREAS, He has served twice as the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association All-Star Team Head Coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Insell has also been a major contributor to the sport in numerous other capacities, being honored with the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics Lifetime Achievement Award. He has coached his AAU teams to two Gold Medals, two Silver Medals and four Bronze Medals and has coached 15 AAU All-American Award recipients; and

WHEREAS, A 1977 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, he is also a popular and highly regarded teacher; and

WHEREAS, Coach Insell has received the prestigious Governor's Award for Outstanding Achievement three times; and

WHEREAS, The Eagelettes' fine Assistant Coaches were: LaBora McCroskey, Tim Fleming, Mark Potts and Chad Spence; and

WHEREAS, The team leaders were three highly talented seniors, Vanderbilt University signee forward Abi Ramsey, State Tournament Most Valuable Player, All-State Tournament team, All-Region 4 Tournament team and All-District 8 Tournament team; Tennessee Technological University signee guard/forward Tynisha Alexander, All-Region 4 Tournament team and All-District 8 Tournament; and Tennessee Technological University signee post player Casey Bradford, an All-District 8 Tournament honoree; and

WHEREAS, The additional members of this tremendously talented team were: juniors, post Jessica Whitaker; forward/post Ashley Johnson; sophomores, guard/forward Whitney Tate; forward Katie Canon; and forward/guard Kim Dye; and freshmen, guard/forward Cherie Bailey; forward Abby Canon; forward/post Asleigh Newman; and post Alex Fuller; each of whom aided the team in their successful season; and

WHEREAS, Statistician Boyd West had the important job of making sure the books were always accurate and the hard-working managers were: Kayla West, Stephanie Bell, Kristyn McBee, and Sarah Riddle; and

WHEREAS, Principal Don Boyd, Assistant Principals, Jimmy Williams, who also serves as Athletic Director, Rheatta Wilson and Phillip Farrar strongly supported the Eaglettes in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and honor the outstanding 2000-2001 Shelbyville Central High School girls' basketball team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Rick Insell and the 2000-2001 Shelbyville Central High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we salute the team on their exemplary academic accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That 25 copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.